COMING ATTRACTIONS

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DITKO CREATES NEWEST DC THRILLER!

Steve Ditko is a name every comics fan remembers - after a string of creations (and co-creations) like Spider-Man, Dr. Strange, Mr. A and The Question, Steve has been identified as a singularly personal artist.

Whereas it is exciting to see the first issue of an entirely new character, it is always more exciting when that creation is by such a unique talent. Steve's newest title is totally original - there is nothing on the stands quite like SHADE - THE CHANGING MAN.

Created, plotted, drawn and inked by Steve Ditko, and scripted by Mike Fleisher (taking time off from JONAH HEX, SCALPHUNTER and his two-million word encyclopedia), the first issue of SHADE - THE CHANGING MAN hits the newsstands March 8th. Jack C. Harris story edited this bi-monthly.

First issues are always difficult to plot - one has to introduce new characters, give them a reason for existance, set up a story and explain new concepts. SHADE - THE CHANGING MAN is no exception - there are dozens of fantastic concepts and new devices the likes of which have never been seen in comics history. SHADE - THE CHANGING MAN is one of the most different comic books since SUPERMAN.

CHALLENGERS SPIN-OFF OF SUPER-TEAM

THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN are moving out of SUPER-TEAM FAMILY and back into their own comic book, with issue number 81 on sale March 22. THE CHALLENGERS are going through a few minor changes on the way.

Gerry Conway becomes the new scripter, and he, along with story editor Jack C. Harris, is giving the book a slight reorientation towards the mysterious, focusing in on the occult and the supernatural and recapturing the group's original exciting appeal of the past. A future issue will co-star SWAMP THING.

Since Jim Sherman is tied-up with the highly successful LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, Mike Nasser will be taking over pencilling chores on THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN. Bob Wiacek will be inking.

All this, of course, created a vacancy in SUPER-TEAM FAMILY. Starting with issue number 11, SUPER-TEAM FAMILY will revert to its original format, featuring two (or more) super-heroes in all-new double-length action. The first few issues will feature a continuing story involving THE ATOM and Jean Loring; number 11 will headline SUPERGIRL and THE FLASH.

DC is happy to welcome Al Weiss back to the fold; Al will be pencilling SUPER-TEAM for story editor Paul Levitz. Gerry Conway will be scripting, Joe Rubenstein will be inking.

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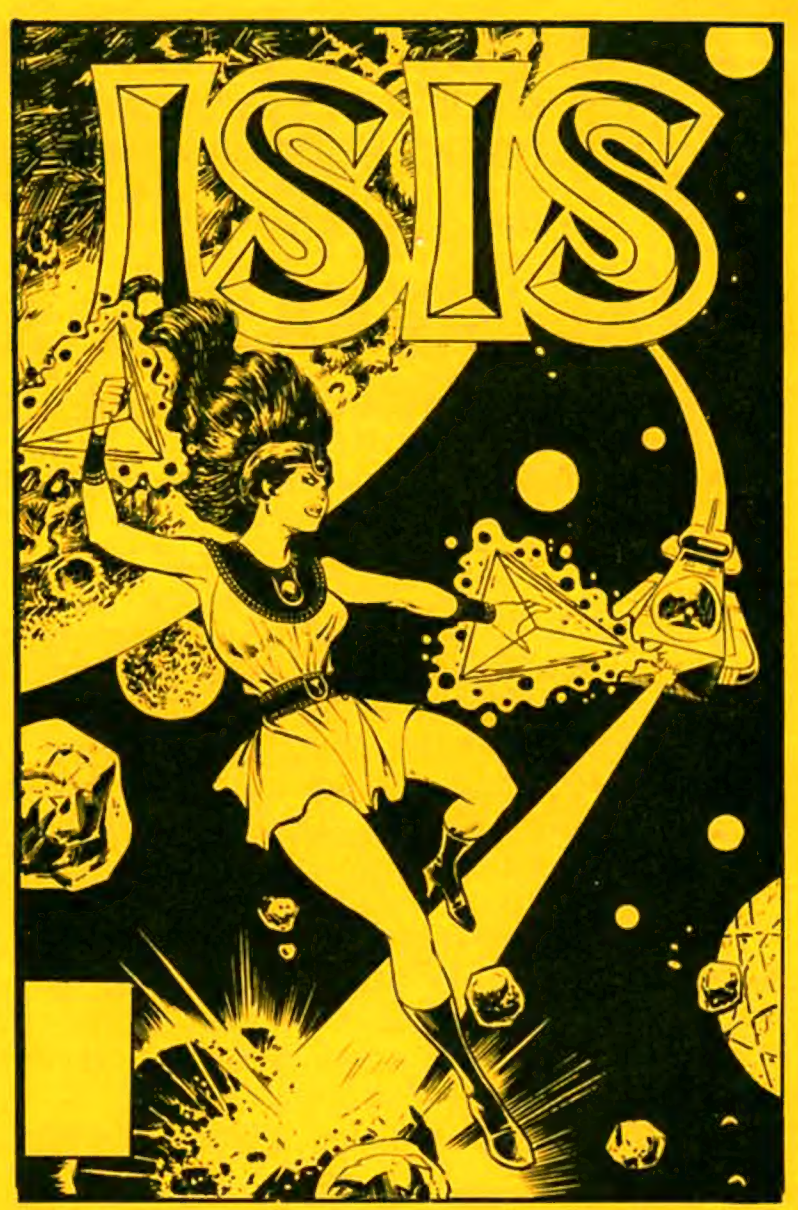

BATMAN, AQUAMAN AND THE LEGION STAR IN ALL-NEW DC SPECIAL!

This month's DC SPECIAL, number 28, will feature an all-new version of EARTH SHATTERING DISASTERS. THE BATMAN, AQUAMAN and THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES are featured in the issue's three stories.

BATMAN takes on a new super-villain, The Quakemaster, as Gotham City falls victim to a series of violent earthquakes. Batman has to contend with both the evildoer behind the disaster and the ramifications of the quake - among other consequences, the Batmobile and the Batcave are destroyed during the catastrophe! Bob Rozakis and John Calnan (and a yet-unnamed inker) handle the story.

The AQUAMAN story contains the first DC work of a highly talented artist, Don Newton. Don's previous work on THE PHANTOM and in scores of fan publications was so noteworthy he landed a regular assignment (THE NEW GODS, on sale in April) and is doing this special story as a fill-in. Dan Adkins, also new to DC, will be inking Don's pencils and the prolific Gerry Conway will be scripting. In this story, Aquaman takes on a fantastic creature of darkness who rises out of an oceanic oilslick!

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES round out the book, in a tale written by Paul Levitz and drawn by Arvell Jones. In this story, the Legionnaires face a total power blackout in the future city of Metropolis. Five members of the youthful supergroup will star in this story.

RA'S AL GHUL FEATURED IN COLLECTOR'S EDITION!

DC's LIMITED COLLECTORS EDITION series continues with a BATMAN issue, this time featuring the first four Ra's Al Ghul stories. Written by Denny O'Neil, three of these stories were drawn by Neal Adams, the fourth by Irv Novick. None of this material has ever been reprinted before; this is the first oversize BATMAN book to be published in some time.

This eighty-four page tome will sport a brand-new cover by Neal Adams and will retail for $2.00.

DOLLAR COMICS REVISITED: TALES OF SUPER-HEROES AND WAR!

The second DOLLAR COMICS issues of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS and G.I. COMBAT hit the newsstands March 17th, and we should point out a few of the changes.

In WORLD'S FINEST COMICS number 245, the Green Arrow and Black Canary stories are both separate parts of the same tale. The two stories were written by Gerry Conway, and drawn by Mike Nasser and Terry Austin. Gray Morrow returns to the art chores on The Vigilante this issue, in a story written by Bill Kunkel. Jim Sherman fills in on the Wonder Woman story, as Gerry Conway takes over the writing on this feature as well.

Curt Swan and Murphy Anderson take over the Superman-Batman team stories, effective this issue, as the Manhunter from Mars series in the past half-year's run of ADVENTURE COMICS winds up in a triple team-up.

Over in G.I. COMBAT number 202, editor Murray Boltinoff is running three Haunted Tank stories by Kanigher and Glanzman, a Haunted Tank solo story by Evan Douglas and George Evans, an O.S.S. story by Regan and Cruz, a special two page Dick Ayers feature and stories drawn by Fred Carrillo and Romeo Tanghal.

Odd Items, Noteworthy News...

This month's TEEN TITANS, number 48, showcases the two new members of the youthful super-team: the Harlequin and the Bumblebee - both female crimefighters...The on-going sub-plot concerning Wonder Woman's insolence comes to a head this month in JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA number 143 with the entire group on the verge of breaking up. The Construct is this issue's super-villain...Steve Englehart, scripter of the above-mentioned JLA Giant, also wrote this month's STARFIRE, number 6. The Sword Siren gets a new costume in this issue...And Steve also wrote this month's DETECTIVE COMICS, number 470, which introduces the new Batcave (remember, the old one was destroyed in this month's DC SPECIAL!). DETECTIVE goes eight-times-yearly with this issue.

ACTION COMICS number 472 leads with Superman in the Phantom Zone, in the first of a two-part story. The back-up is a Steve Lombard solo-story, with a surprise super-hero cross-over (no, not Superman)...The second part of the Penguin story is in BATMAN #288...The Atomic Knights guest-star in HERCULES UNBOUND #11, by Cary Bates and Walt Simonson...A Legionnaire dies in SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES number 228...A new villain, The Black Knight, takes on THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER in number 206 of the latter's magazine...John Stewart, the alternate Green Lantern, guests in this month's GREEN LANTERN / GREEN ARROW (number 95) as Green Arrow uncovers a massive military plot to assassinate the President...ISIS #5 welcomes a bit of evolution, as her TV characterization is put aside and a new, exciting super-hero motif springs up to take the place - all this courtesy of writer Jack C. Harris and story editor Denny O'Neil.

Shipping Information

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8th:
Isis #5 / Secrets of the Haunted House #6 / Kamandi #51 / The Flash #250 / Sgt. Rock #305 / Justice League of America Giant #143

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15th:
Shade #1 / Starfire #6 / Batman #288 / Teen Titans #48 / Superman #312 / DC Special: Earth Shattering Disasters (Giant) #28

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22nd:
Hercules Unbound #11 / Plastic Man #18 / House of Secrets #146 / G.I. Combat Dollar Comic #202 / World's Finest Comics Dollar Comic #245

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF March 1st:
Ragman #6 / Metal Men #52 / Challengers of the Unknown #81 / Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes #228 / Unknown Soldier #206 / Super Friends #5

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8th:
Warlord #7 / Green Lantern #95 / Detective Comics #470 / Wonder Woman #232 / Action Comics #472 / Super-Team Family Giant #11: The Flash and Supergirl

AND SHIPPING THIS MONTH: Limited Collector's Edition: Batman vs. Ra's Al Ghul